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SUBJECT: NAIM VISIT

REF: (A) KABUL 2436 AND (B) STATE 044101

1. THE DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED BY THE PROPOSED SIZE OF NAIM'S PARTY GIVEN IN REF A. AS NOTED IN PARAGRAPH 3, REF B, THE FUNDS RELEASED FROM KABUL'S IVP BUDGET COVER ONLY NAIM AND TWO AIDES. THREE ADDITIONAL STAFF MEMBERS WOULD COST AT LEAST AN ADDITIONAL DOLS 1,200 IF ALL RECEIVED VIP TREATMENT. WE ARE UNABLE TO FUND THIS EXPENDITURE FROM THE IVP BUDGET.

2. DEPARTMENT PLANS TO RENT SUITE FOR NAIM AND SINGLES FOR HIS TWO AIDES. ADDITIONALLY, WE WILL PLACE LIMOUSINE, WITH CHAUFFEUR, AT NAIM'S DISPOSAL FOR THE DURATION OF HIS STAY IN WASHINGTON.

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3. IF AIDES WOULD BE WILLING TO DOUBLE UP IN HOTEL ROOMS, VALET STAYS IN NAIM'S SUITE, AFGHAN EMBASSY TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE (MINIMUM ONE CAR), AND AFGHAN GOVERNMENT AGREES TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR MEALS AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES, WE COULD STILL STAY WITHIN PROJECTED BUDGET. ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE FOR SOME MEMBERS OF PARTY TO STAY AT AFGHAN

EMBASSY OR OTHERWISE BE COVERED BY GOA.

4. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE EMBASSY TO INITIATE DISCUSSION OF THE NAIM VISIT'S ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS WITH THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF THE MFA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THERE SHOULD BE NO MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE FINANCIAL OBLIGATION OF EITHER GOVERNMENT.

5. WE ASSUME THE GOA WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENTIRE COST OF THE NEW YORK STAY.

6. PLEASE ADVISE. KISSINGER

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